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**THE TRIAL OF
JESSICA CRUZ**
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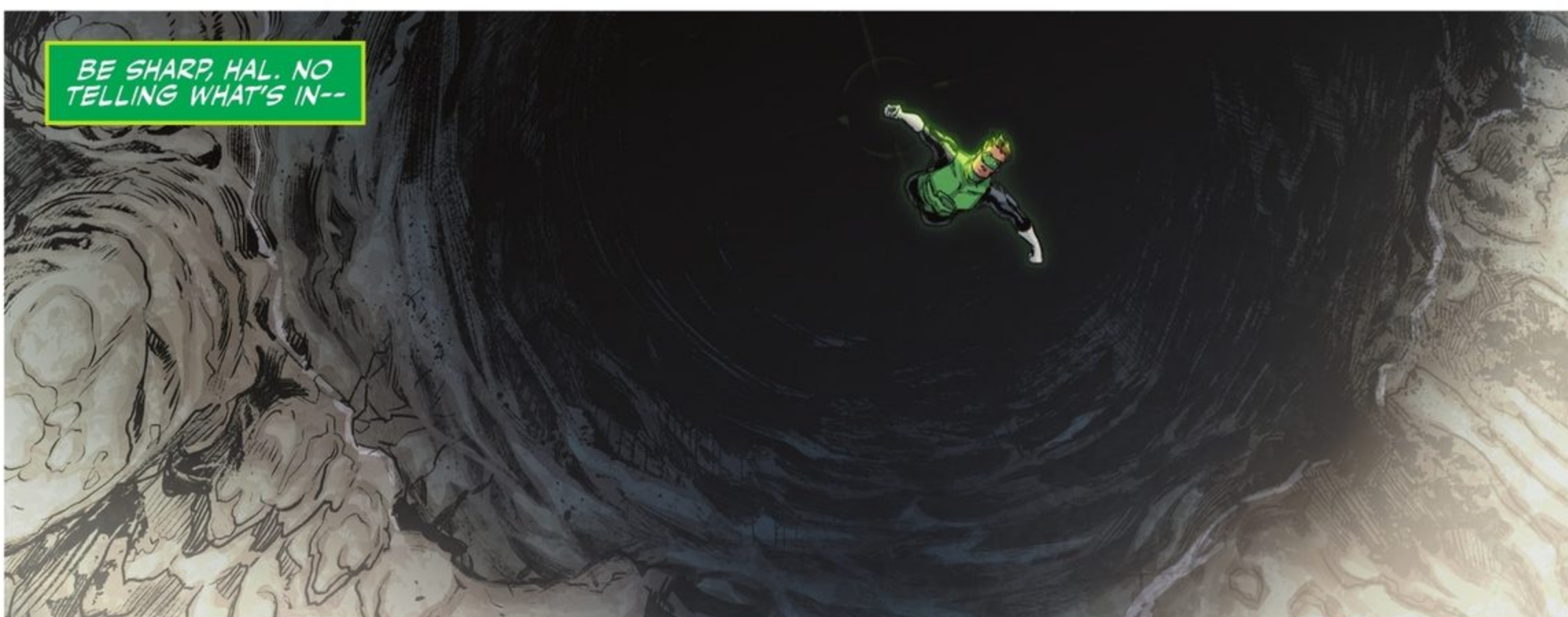


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FEATURING WILLIAM SHATNER

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AN OVERSIZE
ANNIVERSARY ISSUE



--THERE...

THIS JUST GETS
WEIRDER AND WEIRDER.

WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?

A
SECRET...

HAL JORDAN, THE GREEN LANTERN, WAS UNABLE TO SAVE HIS FRIEND RAZER FROM BEING ABDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF HIS FORMER ORGANIZATION--THE UNITED PLANETS LANTERNS. NOW HE MUST UNCOVER THE SECRETS OF HIS NEW RING IN HOPES IT MIGHT ALLOW HIM TO RETURN TO OA TO FIND HIS FRIEND AND STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF POWER BATTERIES ALL THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE.

INTO THE GREEN

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HEY,
HAL...



LONG
TIME NO
SEE...



TOM?! **TOM
KALMAKU?!**

HEY, OLD
BUDDY.



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE
TURNING WRENCHES
SOMEWHERE?

I WAS...
BUT...I WAS
CALLED AWAY...
TO **THIS...**



TO...THIS.
TOM...WHAT'S
GOING ON?

WHY DON'T
YOU COME SEE
FOR YOURSELF?
FOLLOW ME...



A COUPLE
MONTHS AGO, I
WAS JUST LIVING MY
LIFE. TEGRA, KEITH,
AND KARI WERE FINE,
HEALTHY...I MOVED
FROM FERRIS AIR TO
A PRIVATE AIRPORT,
DOING WHAT I DO
BEST. FIXING
PLANES.

AND THEN
ONE NIGHT...
I HAD A
DREAM.

"IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING I HAD SEEN BEFORE. MAYBE IN ANOTHER LIFETIME, I DON'T KNOW...THIS 'GUARDIAN' TOLD ME MANY THINGS...BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT WAS THAT I WAS NEEDED. *CHOSEN*...

"I HAD TO LEAVE... AND I HAD NO IDEA WHEN I COULD RETURN.

"I TOOK BOATS, PLANES...DRAWN HERE...TO THE MOUNTAIN ABOVE US.

"BEFORE I COULD DO ANYTHING, THE GROUND OPENED UP AND I FELL...

"I LANDED INSIDE THIS CAVERN, AND IT ALL CAME BACK TO ME."

RUMBLII

WHAT CAME BACK TO YOU? WHY ARE YOU HERE?

BECAUSE...

BECAUSE
THIS IS THE NEW
MILLENNIUM
AND I AM
THE LAST OF THE
NEW GUARDIANS.



I WAS TOLD
THE **GREEN**...ONE OF
THE ELEMENTAL FORCES
OF THE UNIVERSE WHICH
BINDS ALL PLANT LIFE AND
CREATION...WOULD
CONCEAL WHAT'S THERE
FOR A **TIME**.

AND IN CASE
IT COULDN'T, I WAS
CALLED TO GUARD IT
UNTIL A **LANTERN**
ARRIVED.

AND
NOW YOU
HAVE...
SO...



CCRRRAACCKKKK!





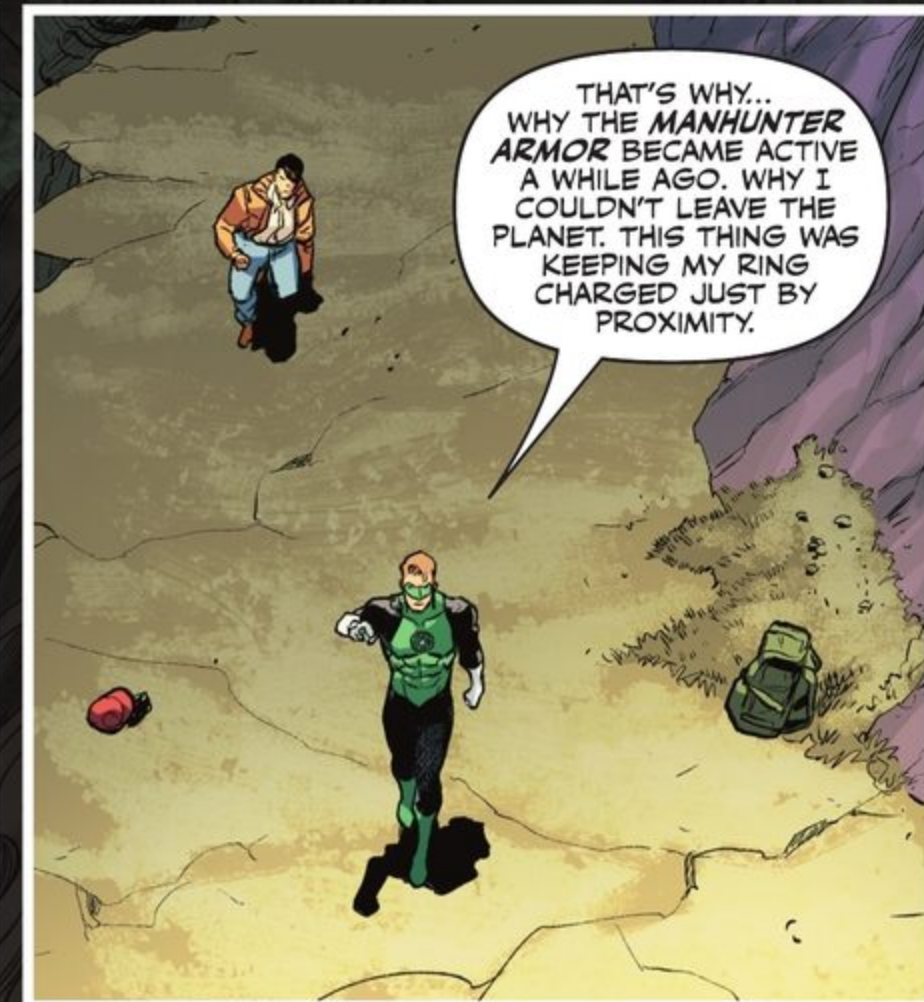
AN OAN POWER BATTERY...



THEY LEFT IT HERE FOR YOU, HAL. FOR ALL THE GREEN LANTERNS OF THIS PLANET.

THEY SAID IT WAS A FAIL-SAFE SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN TO THE ONE ON OA. A SORT OF... DESIGNATED SURVIVOR FOR THE GREEN LANTERNS.

BUT WHY?



THAT'S WHY... WHY THE MANHUNTER ARMOR BECAME ACTIVE A WHILE AGO. WHY I COULDN'T LEAVE THE PLANET. THIS THING WAS KEEPING MY RING CHARGED JUST BY PROXIMITY.



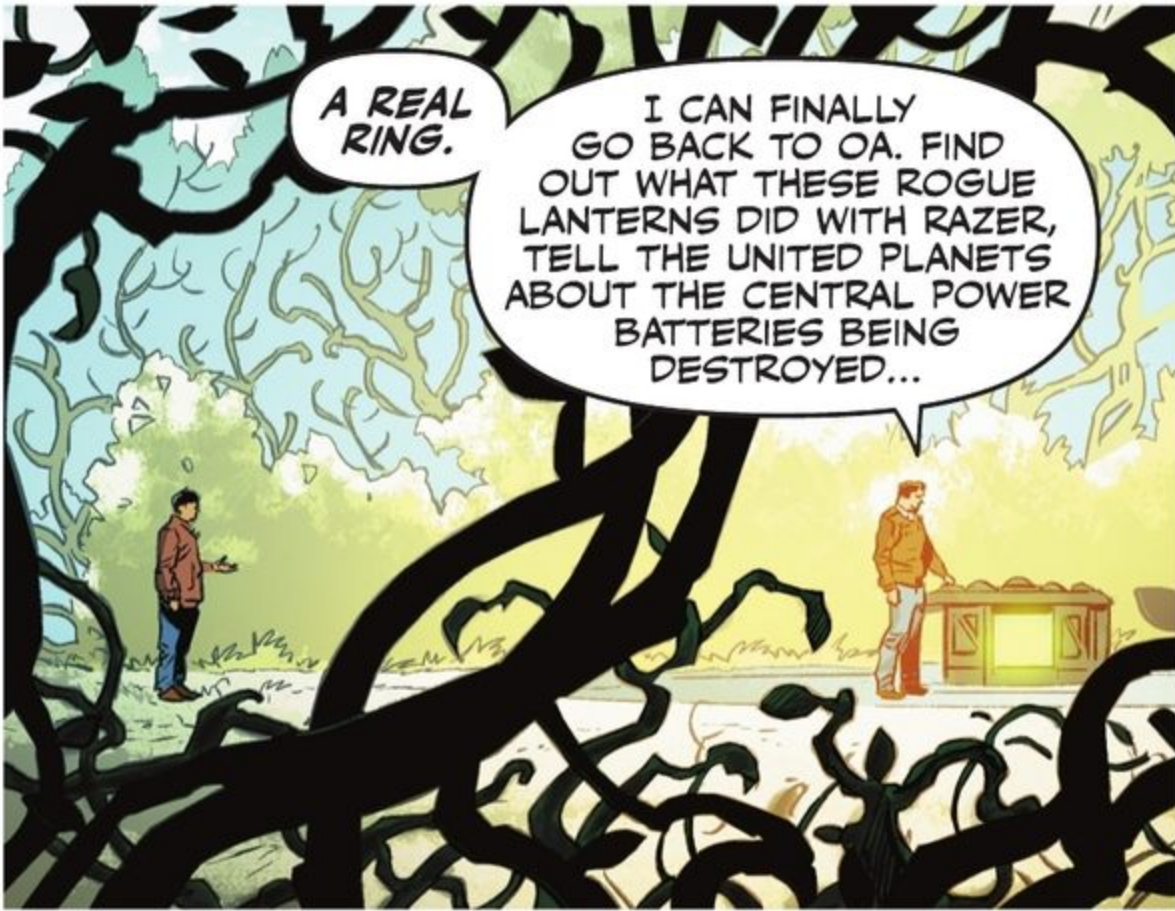
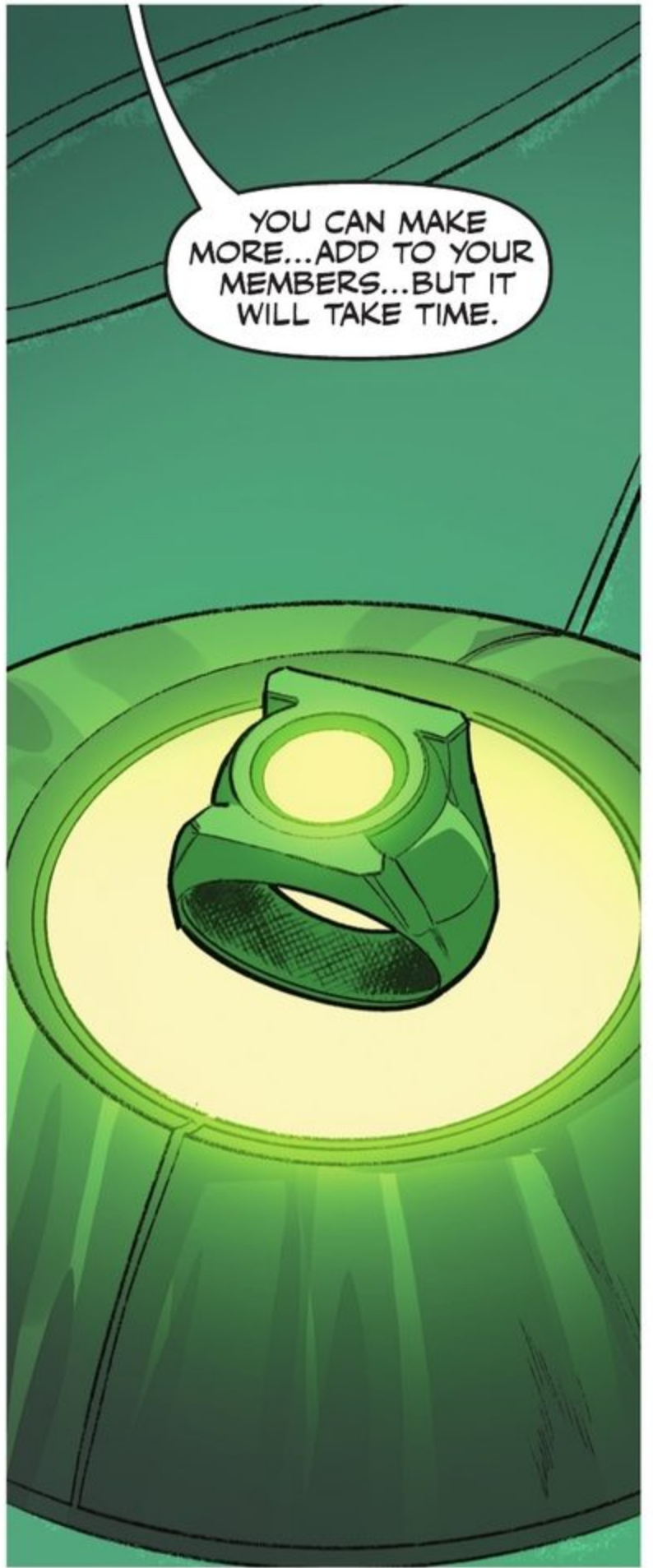
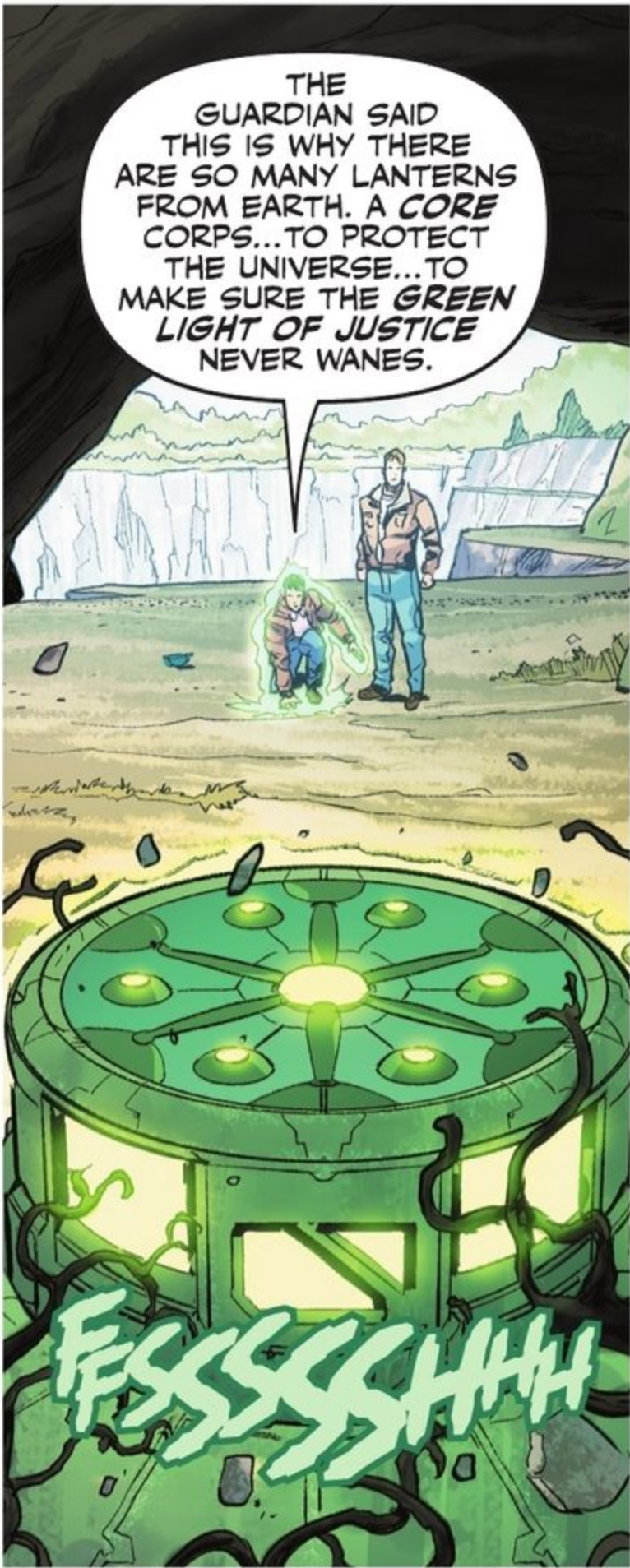
BUT NOW, MAYBE I CAN CHARGE IT AND... WAIT... MY RING!



DON'T WORRY. THAT WAS A BYPRODUCT... A SHADOW OF A RING. BUT NOW...



...YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHING MORE PERMANENT.





IN
BRIGHTEST
DAY, IN
BLACKEST
NIGHT...



...NO *EVIL*
SHALL *ESCAPE*
MY *SIGHT*.



LET
THOSE WHO
WORSHIP
EVIL'S
MIGHT...

...BEWARE
MY POWER,
**GREEN
LANTERN'S**
LIGHT!





IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BACK IN BUSINESS.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



HOME. I DID WHAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO. NOW... MY FAMILY NEEDS ME.



TOM...I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL OF...THIS.

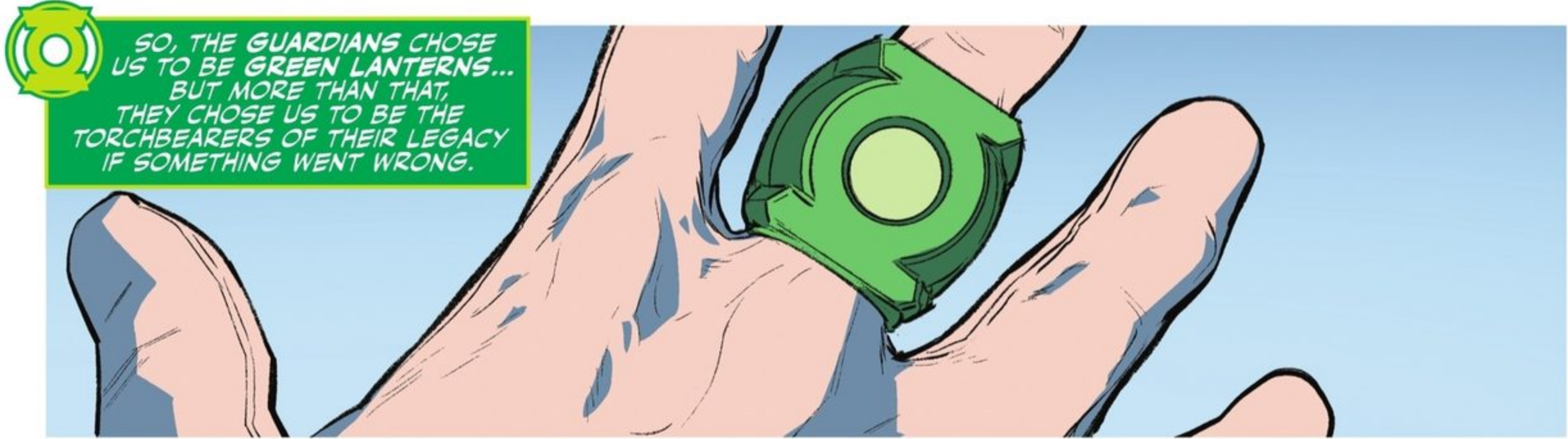
BUT... THANK YOU.

DON'T SWEAT IT. IT SEEMS OUR DESTINIES ARE ALWAYS *INTERTWINED*, IN THIS UNIVERSE AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS. WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN. I HAVE NO DOUBT.

WE BETTER.



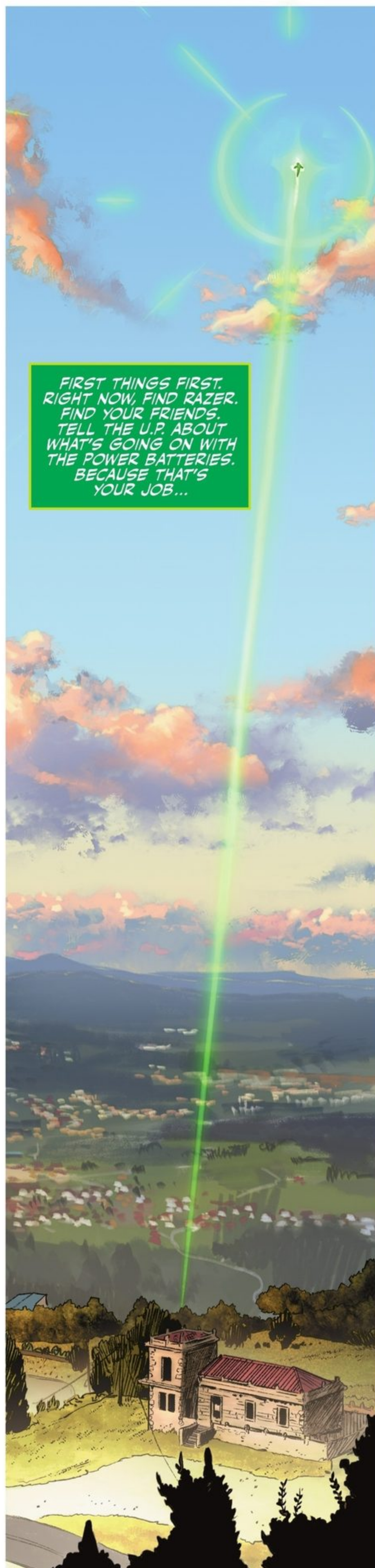
TAKE CARE...*GREEN LANTERN*.



SO, THE GUARDIANS CHOSE US TO BE GREEN LANTERNS... BUT MORE THAN THAT, THEY CHOSE US TO BE THE TORCHBEARERS OF THEIR LEGACY IF SOMETHING WENT WRONG.



THAT'S A LOT OF FAITH IN ONE SPECIES...HERE'S HOPING WE DON'T LET THEM DOWN.





I'M HAL JORDAN...
THE GREEN LANTERN
OF SECTOR 2814.



THE GREEN
LANTERN
OF EARTH.

HOME...



SHE LOOKS GOOD FROM UP
HERE...AND IT FEELS GOOD TO
FINALLY SEE HER FROM SPACE.



SO WHY AREN'T YOU HAPPY, HAL? WELL, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THE WOMAN YOU LOVE IS DOWN THERE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

WHICH IS HER CHOICE, BUDDY...AND YOU NEED TO HONOR IT. WHAT IS IT STING SAID?

IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE... SET THEM FREE...

GOODBYE, CAROL. I HOPE YOU FIND THE HAPPINESS I COULDN'T GIVE YOU.

ENOUGH WITH THE SAP, JORDAN. LET'S SEE HOW FAST THIS RING CAN TAKE YOU TO OA...





THIS IS
MORE LIKE IT.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS
TO TELL THE UNITED PLANETS THEY
HAVE A ROGUE ELEMENT INSIDE
THEIR ORGANIZATION. LANTERNS
THAT CHANGE THEIR COLORS...



WHICH MEANS
SINESTRO MIGHT
HAVE BEEN RIGHT.

THOSE YELLOW LANTERNS
THAT KILLED KILOWOG...
THEY COULD HAVE BEEN PART
OF THIS GROUP. THEY COULD
BE THE ONES DESTROYING
CENTRAL BATTERIES...



I JUST NEED TO--WAIT...I'M
SLOWING DOWN...IT FEELS LIKE
SOMETHING IS INTERFERING WITH
THE RING. I CAN'T SEEM TO--



OH BOY...

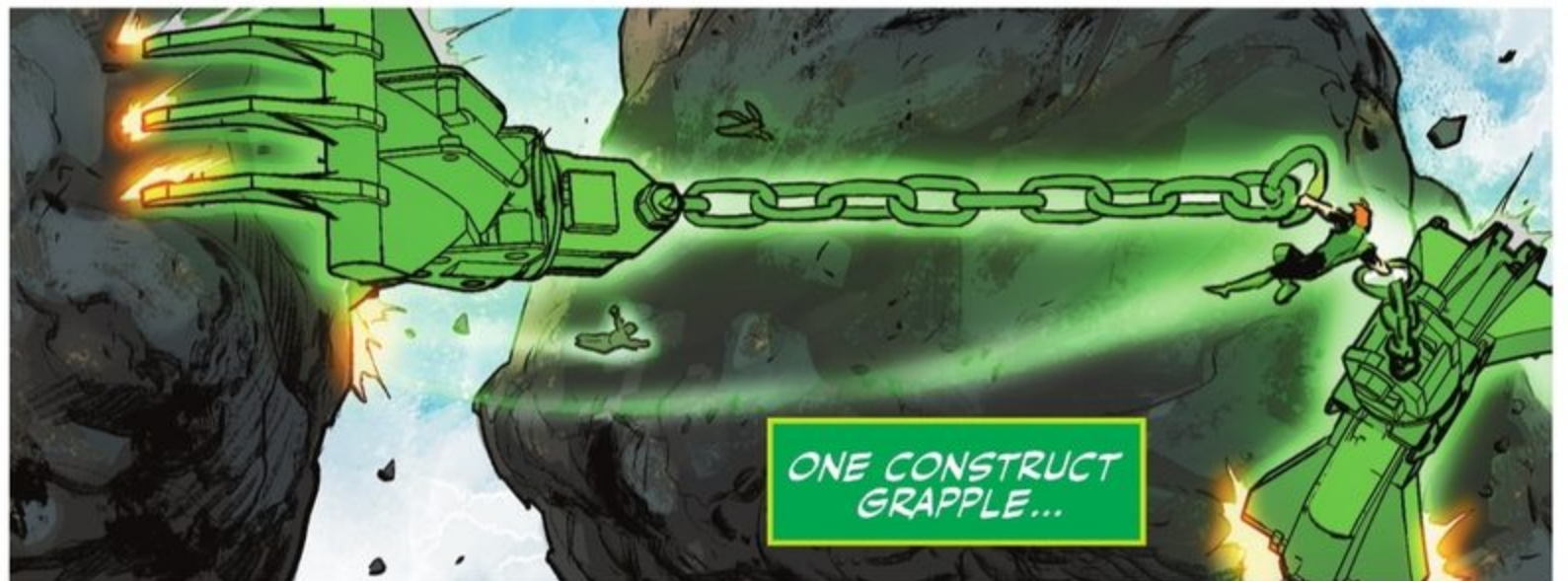




WAY TO BE
INCONSPICUOUS,
HAL!



COME ON, BOYS.
STAY CLOSE...



ONE CONSTRUCT
GRAPPLE...



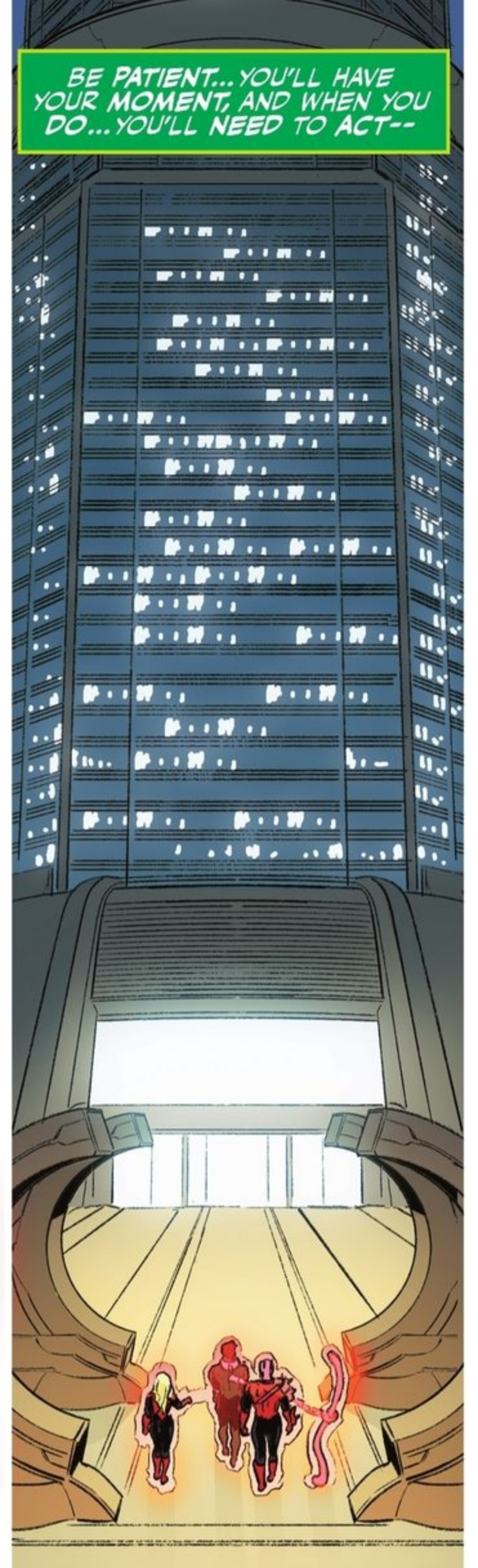
...AND...



THIS MIGHT BE
TOUGHER THAN
I THOUGHT...



I WANT TO
CAPTURE HIM
FIRST!





PLANET OA. CAPITAL OF THE UNITED PLANETS.

THAT'S ME, JESSICA CRUZ,
GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH.

AND I BET YOU'RE WONDERING HOW
I GOT HERE! RRRRECORD SCRATCH!

UH, JUST KIDDING. THAT'S
WHAT I WOULD SAY IF THIS WAS A
MOVIE TRAILER. UNFORTUNATELY,
THIS IS MY REAL LIFE. WAHOO.

JESSICA
CRUZ!

GREEN
LANTERN
OF SECTOR
2814!

YOU ARE
ON TRIAL...FOR
TREASON
AGAINST THE
**UNITED
PLANETS!**

I KNOW, THIS LOOKS
BAD. BUT I'VE GOT IT
ALL UNDER CONTROL.

JUST DON'T DO
WHAT EVERYONE DOES.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE
ME. PROMISE?

THE TRIAL of JESSICA
CRUZ

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WE CAN DISPENSE WITH THE DECORUM TODAY. LET'S CUT TO THE BONE OF THE MATTER.

YOU KNOW WHO I AM, CRUZ...

YES, LORD PREMIER THAAROS.

DUH, EVERYONE DOES. YOU TOOK OVER THE UNITED PLANETS AND THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.

AND YOUR VIBE HAS NOT BEEN...UNCONTROVERSIAL.

...I COULD REMAND YOU TO A GULAG AND BURY YOUR TRIAL INDEFINITELY. EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM IS LOYAL TO ME. NO ONE WOULD SAY A WORD.

YUP, THAT'S EXACTLY THE VIBE I'M TALKING ABOUT.

AND YOU? HAVE YOU BEEN LOYAL TO ME?

OKAY. BREATHE. GIVE IT TO HIM JUST LIKE YOU PRACTICED.

RIGHT. OKAY. FAIR QUESTION! I MEAN, I GET IT. I KNOW WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE.

BUT I TOTALLY DID NOT BETRAY YOU. WHAT KIND OF IDIOT WOULD I HAVE TO BE TO--

LIAR!

LANTERN ENDICOTT, PLEASE--

EVERYONE KNOWS YOU CAN'T TRUST A LANTERN FROM SECTOR 2814!

BUT I CAN TRUST YOU TO BE A WHINY SNITCH, ENDICOTT. YOU ACTUAL KISS-ASS.



LANTERN
ENDICOTT, LORD
PREMIER THAAROS
COMPELS YOUR
TESTIMONY. TELL
US WHAT WE
SEE HERE.

LANTERN
CRUZ AND I WERE
ASSIGNED SECRET
DIRECTIVE
XF-7011.

DESTROY
THE ORANGE
CENTRAL POWER
BATTERY.



NOT TOO LONG AGO, I COULDN'T
LEAVE MY HOUSE, MUCH LESS
HANG OUT IN OUTER SPACE.

MY FRIENDS LITERALLY GOT SHOT
IN FRONT OF ME. OBVIOUSLY,
I LOST IT. FOR THREE YEARS.

TWO-
LANTERN JOB. I
WAS DEMOLITION
TECHNICIAN. CRUZ
WAS JUST...
BACKUP.

DEVICE
INSTALLATION WAS
SUCCESSFUL.

BUT WHEN
IT WAS TIME FOR
DETONATION--

05

04

03

02

01

--YOU
ABSORBED THE
EXPLOSION,
CRUZ.

BACK THEN, MY LIFE
WAS A DUMPSTER FIRE.



WHEN I GIVE AN ORDER, IT IS A COVENANT. YOU HAVE BETRAYED ME.

YOU ARE ACCUSED OF JOINING THE RENEGADE GREEN LANTERNS WHO SEEK TO SABOTAGE OUR GREAT WORK.

DO YOU DENY IT?



NOW MY LIFE IS A DUMPSTER FIRE, BUT WITH SUPERPOWERS.

I'M IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS, BUT I'M FOREVER THE NEW KID.



WAIT, WHAT? OH, YEAH, ABSOLUTELY! DIDN'T YOU JUST SEE ON THE---

OKAY, SO LANTERN LETDOWN OVER THERE--

WHAT?!

--SHE TOTALLY BLEW IT. SHE PLACED THE BOMB AT THE BASE, LIKE A ROOKIE! THE POWER BATTERY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, BUT IT SURE WOULD HAVE CRACKED OPEN. REAL BAD!

I SAVED US FROM ORANGE ENERGY SPEWING INTO SPACE LIKE AN INFINITE EMOTIONAL OIL SPILL.



YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BLOW UP THE POWER BATTERY--YOU WANTED TO STOP THE ORANGE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM FROM CONTAMINATING THE UNIVERSE.

THAT WAS YOUR COVENANT. AND THAT'S WHY I SNUFFED THE EXPLOSION.

ONE TIME, I BASICALLY TRIPPED AND ENDED UP AS A YELLOW LANTERN. (THAT'S BAD.)



A SQUAD RETURNED AND SUCCESSFULLY DESTROYED THE ORANGE POWER BATTERY, AND THE CREATURE KNOWN AS LARFLEEZE HAS BEEN PUT IN AN OAN CONTAINMENT CELL. HOWEVER--

HMM.

THIS IS COMPLETE RUBBISH! DON'T LISTEN TO HER--SHE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING!

J-BIRD. UP TOP!

RING?

AND EVEN THOUGH I'M BACK IN THE GREEN SUIT AGAIN, I'LL NEVER BE A "NORMAL" LANTERN TO THE OTHERS.



THERE, J-BIRD! UNIDENTIFIED LANTERN. THEY'RE READY TO SHOOT THEIR SHOT!



NORMAL GREEN LANTERNS ARE SELECTED FOR THEIR ABILITY TO OVERCOME GREAT FEAR.



THEY'VE GOT A GUN--!

ME? MY FEAR COMES FROM INSIDE ME. MY ANXIETY.



WHAT?! LANTERN CRUZ, RELEASE ME!

LANTERNS, ATTACK HER!



BAM!
BAM!
BAM!





FREEZE! BY ORDER OF JESSICA CRUZ OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS!



 BUT NOW I KNOW-- I AM NOT MY FEAR.



WHO...?



WHO ARE YOU?!



LANTERNS! APPREHEND THAT COWARDLY ASSASSIN, IMMEDIATELY!

YES, SIR!

WAIT--!



LANTERN
CRUZ!

HERE,
TO ME,
NOW!



MOST OF THE GREEN LANTERNS
I KNOW HAVE SAID A BIG "HELL
NO" TO THAAROS'S TAKEOVER.
THEY'RE EVEN FIGHTING BACK.

FEELS LIKE EVERYONE IN THE
UNIVERSE JUST EXPECTS ME
TO FOLLOW THE GREEN HERD.



THAT'S **TWICE**
YOU'VE SURPRISED
ME TODAY. AND ONCE
THAT YOU'VE **SAVED**
MY LIFE.

I DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
GAMES. TELL
ME PLAINLY.

WHERE DO
YOU REALLY
STAND?!

EVERYONE UNDER-
ESTIMATES ME.



I KNOW ABOUT CHAOS, AND
LAWLESSNESS. IT TOOK MY FRIENDS.
IT ALMOST RUINED MY LIFE. THE
GUARDIANS ALMOST LET IT
DESTROY THE UNIVERSE.

YOU
WON'T.

NO ONE HAS
ANY IDEA WHAT
I'M REALLY
CAPABLE OF.



I STAND
WITH LORD
PREMIER
THAAROS.

AND
THAT IS MY
COVENANT.



GLORY
BE!

AN EARTH
LANTERN HAS
SEEN THE
LIGHT!

RISE, JESSICA
CRUZ, RISE! LET US
SEAL YOUR **STIRRING**
PLEDGE WITH A **BOLD**
HONOR: I HEREBY
ASSIGN YOU TO THE
LORD PREMIER'S
LANTERN
COUNCIL.

BUT NEXT
TIME THERE IS A
HINT OF DISLOYALTY,
I WON'T BOTHER
DRAGGING YOU
DOWN HERE--



"--I'LL JUST MAKE YOU **DISAPPEAR.**"

Wow! THAAROS'S LANTERN COUNCIL! YOU'RE GONNA BE **UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL** WITH HIM, LIKE ALL THE TIME!

 HAL, JOHN, EVEN GUY...THEY CAN'T DO WHAT I DO.



WE'RE GONNA DO AMAZING THINGS TOGETHER, CRUZ!

UNITED PLANETS! I'M FIRED UP OVER HERE! **LET'S GO!**

YEAH...



ME?

I'M THE LAST ONE THEY'D SUSPECT.



NO ONE HAS ANY IDEA WHAT I'M REALLY CAPABLE OF.



JO MULLEIN. COME IN, JO. THIS IS J-BIRD.

HE TOTALLY BOUGHT IT. I'M IN.

THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.

NEXT:
GUY GARDNER'S
BOGUS LOBO
ADVENTURE BEGINS!

Is the APE-POCALYPSE near?
DC goes bananas in this APE-IC adventure!



APE-RIL

SPECIAL

This one-shot
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APE-RIL!



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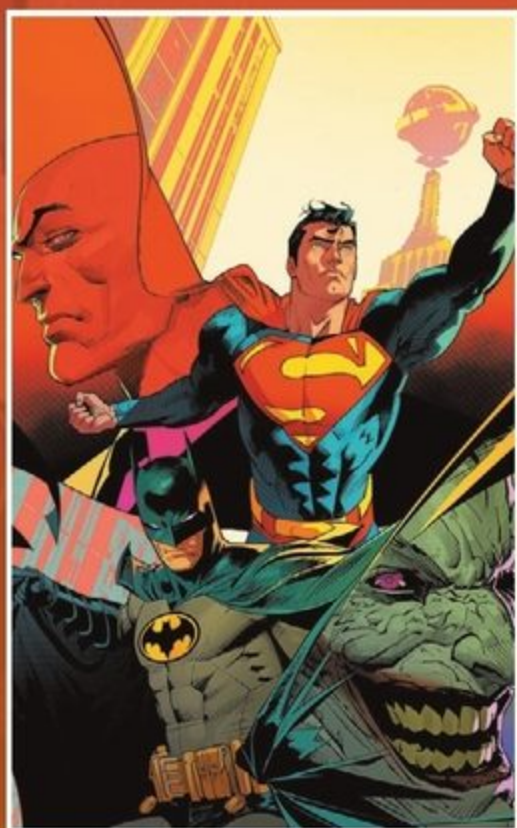
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In addition to these exciting stories, legendary actor and pop culture icon William Shatner cameos on a special variant cover by Dan Mora!

Here’s a sneak peek at some artwork from the story “Impossible: Prologue”:



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